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In re Application of:

FOCKE et al.

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For: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR  
PRODUCING CIGARETTE PACKS

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R :

In response to the Office Action of May 1, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION;

The paragraph at page 9, lines 1-10, should be amended to read as follows:

B) --An (independent) special feature is the configuration of the heating elements, namely of the heating plates 32, 33 (Figures 7 and 8). The carrying plates 34, 35 have a recess which is enclosed by a border and is open in the downward direction in each case. In each case, each

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